5. has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer made enquiries and ascertained from sister Elizabeth herself whether she did attend to hospital work even for a few days during the early part of Dhanu 1104 as alleged by the Civil Surgeon?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—1 to 5. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Obscene songs and slaughter of fowls in Cranganur.

127. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken with reference to the number of representations made to the Government for stopping the singing of obscene songs and the slaughter of fowls at the Kodungallur Bharani;

(b) whether in the last three years any prosecution has been made for singing obscene songs in public streets and thoroughfares;

(c) and if not, whether singing of obscene songs in public roads and thoroughfares has been permitted by the Government?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Government have carefully considered the question and have thought it inadvisable to interfere with time-honoured customs and practices like the one in hand so inextricably connected with religious beliefs.

(b) No prosecution of the kind has been made during the last three years

(c) Government have not issued any orders in the matter.

Employment of ladies.

128. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state whether they have any objection to employ lady graduates as clerks in the Huzur Office and the other Departmental Offices in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government cannot offer an opinion nor state anything more than that they will consider the matter when occasions actually arise.

Application from Members of Legislative Council for appointment.

129. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Members of the Second Legislative Council who have made requests either oral or written to the Government or officers for appointments in the State Service;

(b) the dates of such requests and the officers to whom the requests were made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) So far as it could be ascertained, one Member only, Mr. C. V. Kurian, the Member

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for Anthikad, has made such a written request. As regards oral request, no record is kept.

(b) 17th Makaram 1104. To the Diwan.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer given is 'As regards oral request, no record is kept here'. Are there any instances in the memory of the Government or the officers of the Government of any such requests ?

President.—There may be. But we cannot definitely say who they are.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there oral requests ?

President.—There might have been oral requests.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For what appointment did this Hon'ble Member make his requests ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For a post in the Judicial Department.

Diwan outside Cochin.

130. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan of Cochin has gone out of Cochin territory for the purpose of discussing personally any matter connected with the administration; (2) if so, will the Government be further pleased to say the occasions on which it was so done; (3) will the Government also be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred for such tours of the Diwan and the item under which the same was debited; (4) will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements were made for the discharge of any duties in any emergency within the State during his temporary absence in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not possible to furnish the information asked for as the question does not mention any specific period.

Camp Sub-Inspector of the Police Commissioner.

131. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Camp Sub-Inspector of Police, Mr. P. V. Raman Menon, while acting as Prosecuting Inspector in 1103, submitted incorrect diaries to the effect that he attended certain Magistrates' Courts and claimed T. A. for his journeys which was disallowed by the Commissioner of Police; if so, on what grounds was the T. A. disallowed;

(2) was any punishment meted out to him for submitting such diaries; if so, what ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) No answer is necessary in view of the above.

132. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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